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Birthday Issue—  
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## The School of Science and Literature

ALTHOUGH a collection of several of the most heterogeneous A.P.I. departments and curricula, the School of Science and Literature is rapidly becoming one of the more compact Auburn schools. This end is being achieved by dropping curricula which have shown excessively poor enrollment, and by deleting certain courses of study which have served their purposes.

For instance, the next College catalog will not list the "special curriculum for war veterans," set up after World War II for ex-GIs. Plans are to combine pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, and pre-veterinary medicine into one specialized curriculum, thus destroying present duplication of courses.

The "curriculum for special majors in music or dramatic arts" has been dropped because of a low enrollment.

"Eventually," states Dean Roger W. Allen of the School of Science and Literature, "our present 12 general curricula could be reduced to five, and the School's program would be greatly improved."

At first glance, the decrease in curricula seems unusual, for the School's enrollment has skyrocketed in the past few years from 300 to 1,600. A second glance surprises you even more, for of the almost 1,600 students enrolled in the School, approximately 1,100 are taking business administration—which makes that course of study the most popular at A.P.I., according to number enrolled.

The School of Science and Literature itself is second in size only to the School of Engineering. Handling classes, labs, and research for the 1,600 students are 116 faculty members and 19 teaching fellows. A total of 15 additional office and staff "permanent" members brings the number of School employees to 150.

It should be mentioned that the number of 150 staff members as com-

pared to 1,600 students is misleading, for the SL faculty in reality teaches hundreds of "service" students from every campus school.

Students majoring in the School of Science and Literature enroll in physics, business administration, accounting, pre-law, secretarial training, English, mathematics, history, economics, foreign languages, journalism, sociology, pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, or pre-veterinary medicine. Heading these courses are six departments: economics and sociology, English, foreign languages, history, mathematics, and physics.

As complex as its machinery is the School's plant. Only the dean, general office staff, and the departments of economics and sociology, foreign languages, and physics are housed in New Building, considered headquarters for the entire School. The departments of English and history are headquartered in Samford, and their classroom space is scattered throughout several temporary buildings and Textile Building. Mathematics and secretarial training are housed in Broun Hall.

### Dean Allen

Dean Roger Williams Allen, '18, is a chemist by training, and the author of a chemistry textbook and of several technical publications. He combines those vital talents, knowledge of both the sciences and the liberal arts, in his administration of the School of Science and Literature.

After obtaining his bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn, Dean Allen continued his education at the University of Michigan, where he received the A.M. degree. After serving as professor of chemistry at Howard College, Birmingham, and in other professional positions, he studied at Columbia University, New York City, there receiving his Ph.D.



"SL" DEAN Roger Allen, '18, heads some of Auburn's oldest curricula

The following year—1928—he returned to Auburn as professor of chemistry. In 1941 he was appointed School of Science and Literature dean.

Dean Allen is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Chemical Society, the Alabama Academy of Science, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Sigma Xi, and Alpha Epsilon Delta.

Socially, he is a member of the Auburn Kiwanis Club and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

### Department of Economics

THE department of economics and sociology has more majors than any other department on the Auburn campus. More than 1,000 students are currently taking major work in the department's four curricula, business

administration, business accounting, sociology, and secretarial training, which are headquartered in New Building.

Although the department is named "economics and sociology," it is functionally the "department of economics, business administration, sociology, and secretarial training." Ninety-seven courses are offered by the department, including nine recent additions.

### Business Administration

The recent course additions in business administration are Market Research and Analysis, Advanced Personnel Management, and Accounting Systems.

Students majoring in business administration may specialize in one or more of the following fields: accounting, economic theory and history, finance, general business, personnel management and industrial relations, marketing, and statistics.

They follow a general science and literature (liberal arts) curriculum during their freshman and sophomore years. During their junior and senior years they concentrate on courses within their major areas of study, such as accounting, marketing, etc. By far the greatest enrollment is recorded in the field of business administration, although both sociology and secretarial training are now "holding their own proportion" of student majors.

Space permits only the hitting of high spots in other departmental curricula:

### Sociology

Within the past few months, this division has acquired the services of a rural sociologist.

"We are confident that campus-wide interest in the field of rural

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# In Everybody Happy?

BY HARRY M. "HAPPY" DAVIS.  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.  
AUBURN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

GRADUATES of the School of Education will be happy to hear of the plans for their new building. This is another of the buildings so badly needed on the campus that has at last reached the stage of reality.

One of Auburn's larger schools, the School of Education has never had a building which it could call its own. Instead, the future teachers, those who should really have the most modern facilities, have been housed in first one building and another and scattered from one end of the campus to the other.

The same is true of the architects. Auburn, with one of the two Schools of Architecture and the Arts in the South, has had one of the poorest buildings from the standpoint of architecture on this, or probably any other campus.

It's a leftover relic of the days of apparently no architecture—well, anyway, of the days before architects gave as much consideration to details as they have been taught at Auburn to do. So, you can see that here again the campus will be enhanced with one of the most modern buildings architects can design, and yet it still remains within the general style of campus architecture.

Now, we get around to what we originally started out to do, and that was to commend the administration for the steps it has taken, not only to remedy this situation, but also to add to the beauty of the campus.

#### Alumni-Faculty House

A great deal of interest is being displayed by alumni and friends in the progress being made on the Alumni House and Faculty Club. At this time, plans have not been completed by the faculty for organizing the Faculty Club.

Members of the faculty have met and indicated a desire to organize. Before this article reaches you, their plans will have been completed. The faculty is certainly to be commended for joining with us, the alumni, in this venture.

In so doing, it is agreeing to lease the facilities and pay dues at the rate of 20 dollars each year for 30 years. If the alumni will agree to contribute this much for only one year, the building is a certainty..

Everybody agrees that this project will aid Auburn in so many ways. We will change from a campus of many units to one with more of a university atmosphere. We have no facilities on the campus such as this building will provide.

The faculty will have facilities so badly needed by them. The same facilities are needed for a successful Alumni Association: The students will benefit by having a place on the campus where their mothers and fathers can stay overnight and have satisfactory dining facilities.

Truly, a service building for a Greater Auburn!

#### To Band Alumni...

TO MEMBERS of the Band Alumni Club: Work on the Band Alumni Club constitution is nearing completion. A copy of this proposed constitution along with a complete resume of band alumni activity and plans will be mailed to each member soon. All former Auburn bandsmen are cordially invited to join the Club.

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# Club News

THE newly formed Heart of Georgia Auburn Club held a meeting on January 10 in the S. and S. Cafeteria, Macon. Samuel R. "Bob" Shi, '07, was elected president by the 44 alumni in attendance.

Other officers elected at the meeting include Mrs. Joe H. Jolly, the former Allie Bates, '36, vice president; and Ben F. Goldgar, '09, secretary-treasurer.

Vice presidents elected to serve as chairmen include E. E. "Bill" Casson, '36, membership; C. W. "Red" Roberts, '27, public relations; Harry Kendall, '15, athletics; and Foster Hutto, '32, programs.

The slate of officers was presented by a nominating committee which Mr. Casson headed as chairman.

The Heart of Georgia Club will hold its next

meeting on February 14, and all alumni in "the heart of Georgia" are invited to attend.

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AUBURN alumni have penetrated Tuscaloosa and the University of Alabama to such an extent that the Auburn Club of University has been formed. The Club will soon hold a "Charter Meeting," and it already holds membership in the national Auburn Alumni Association.

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THE Calhoun County Auburn Club held a meeting in Anniston on December 15. Features of the get-together were a talk by John Williamson, freshman coach, and election of officers. The club's new officers include A. S. "Sut" Mathews, '39, president; Joe Broadnax, Jr., vice president; and C. D. Welden, '33, secretary-treasurer.



"Happy" Davis, '32

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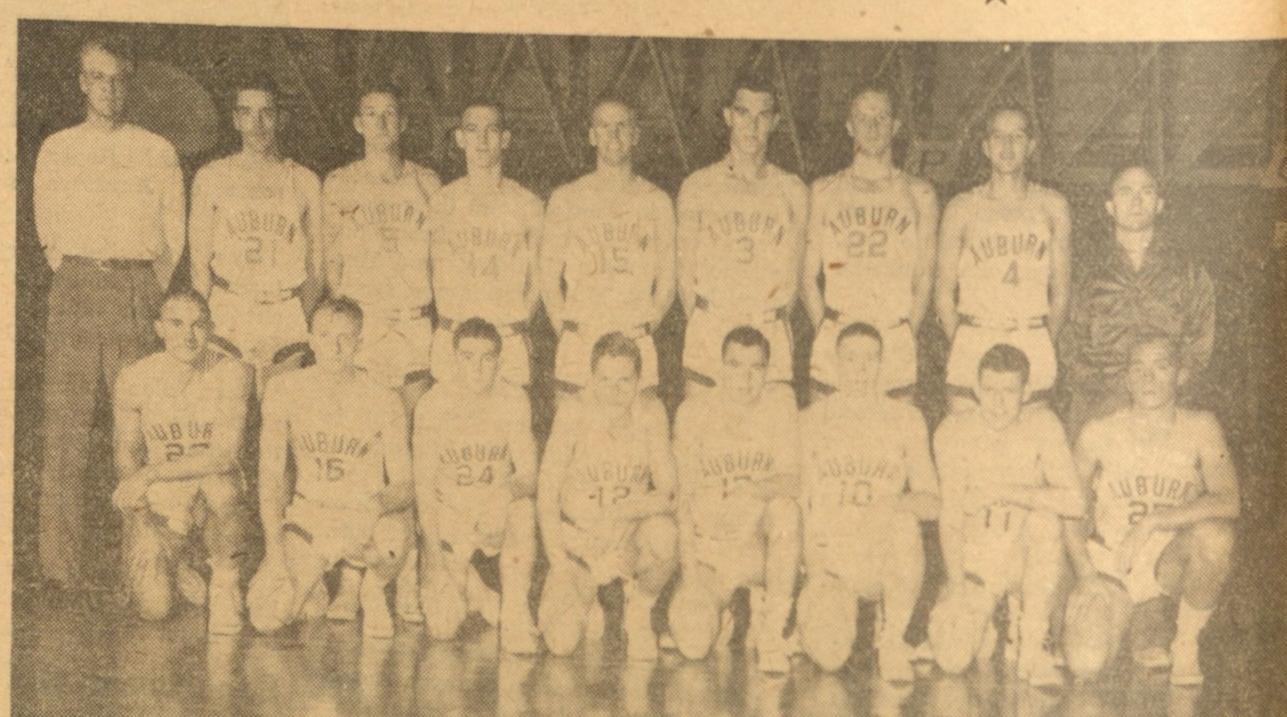
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MEMBERS of the '49-'50 basketball squad are, left to right kneeling, Dick Webb, Jack Glasgow, Ed Eidson, Don Lanford, Bill Walter, Dwight Hitt, Bill Mobberly, and Gene Hoehle. Left to right, standing

are Coach Eaves, Ardath Robinson, Bill Dawson, Roy Brawner, George Hill, Bill Lynn, Dan Pridgen, Roger Weldon, and Gene Blakeley, student manager. This season's team has won nine, lost one (see page six)

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# Auburn in January

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## Dance Calendar

January	27	Alpha Gamma Delta
	28	Sigma Nu
February	3-4	Interfraternity Council
	10	AIO (Independents)
	11	Chi Omega
	17	Sigma Chi
	18	Phi Kappa Tau
	24	"A" Club
	25	Tau Kappa Epsilon
March	3	Kappa Sigma
	4	Alpha Omicron Pi
	10	ROTC
	11	Beaux Arts Ball
	25	Alpha Delta Pi
	31	Dairy Science Club
April	1	Pi Kappa Phi
	7	Honor Societies Ball
	8	Tau Epsilon Phi
	14	NROTC
	15	Delta Zeta
	21	Alpha Tau Omega
	22	Kappa Alpha
	28	Forestry Club
	29	Alpha Psi
May	5	Theta Upsilon
	6	Interfraternity Council
	12	Delta Sigma Phi
	13	Sigma Phi Epsilon
	19	Phi Delta Theta
	20	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
	26	Lambda Chi Alpha
	27	Phi Mu

## Helpful Hares

MOST all GI couples at Auburn depend to some extent on a "rabbit foot" to get hubby through college, but none in the literal sense of the T. A. Cannons.

They have exactly 150 left hind feet of the lucky bunny to decrease their financial worries. One hutch holds coal-black handfuls of hopping fur; another, plenty of the white, pink-eared, Easter-basket kind; others, spotted-grey, wild-colored ones; and there's even a hutch or two of blue rabbits.

The blue rabbits are the glamorous French Champayne variety. Breeding of these bunny blue bloods is Cannon's special hobby.

It all started more than a year ago when Mrs. Cannon, the former Laura Frances Owens, of Thomaston, was captivated one day by the lush coats of some Angoras she had seen. E. D. Hess, instructor in the A.P.I. English department, had long had rabbit-raising as his hobby, so Cannon purchased a few from him.

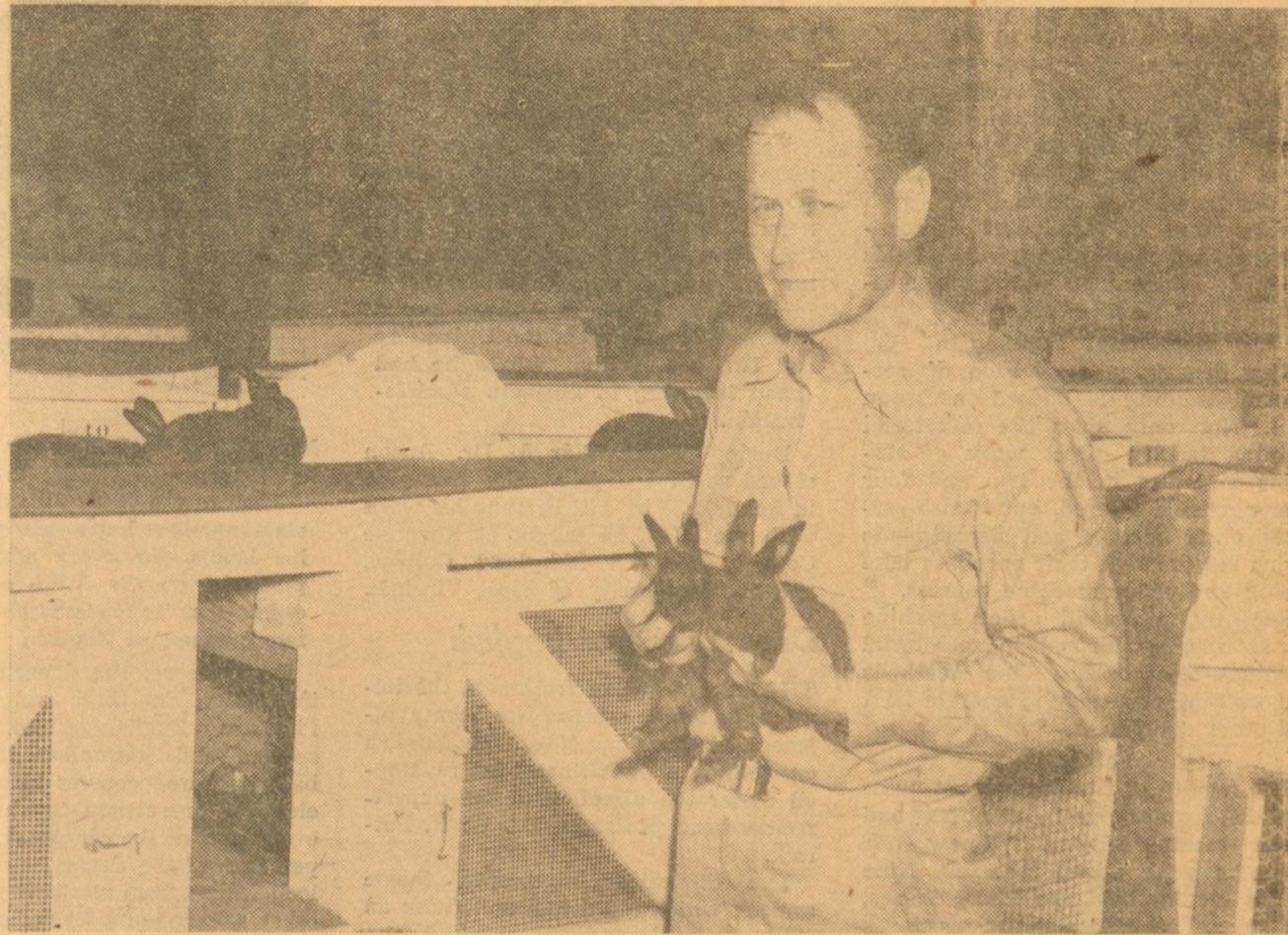
The Cannon rabbits grew in number to the 150 they have today. The bunnies' feet are never allowed to touch the ground, and they are sold at nine weeks of age as two-pound fryers in local Auburn stores.

The demand for rabbit meat has so increased that the Cannons have difficulty filling orders.

When the meat is sold, the skins are taken and made into stuffed toys. From black fur come shaggy Scotties, and from white fur, bunnies with pink ears.

The Cannons hope to up their stock to 300 meat rabbits, in addition to a supply of registered breeding stock.

A veteran of 20 years in the Navy, Cannon entered the service as an apprentice seaman and is now a lieutenant in the Fleet Reserve.



RABBIT farmer T. A. Cannon, A.P.I., major in animal husbandry, has plenty of "rabbit feet" to give

him luck in college. Cannon holds one of the many types of hares which help send him through Auburn

## New Baptist Pastor

NEW pastor of Auburn's First Baptist Church is Dr. Howard D. Olive, graduate of the Southwest Baptist Junior College and William Jewel College. Dr. Olive holds his master's degree and his doctorate from the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

He comes to Auburn from Russellville, Kentucky, where he has been active in religious work for the past two years.

## Radio Workshop

THE A.P.I. Radio Workshop, student radio laboratory sponsored by the English department, is presenting weekly newscasts, drama series, and public service features over WAUD, Auburn radio station, this quarter.

The Workshop was organized during the fall quarter, 1949. It is directed by Professor Edward Lambert.

## "You Can't . . ."

"YOU CAN'T Take It with You," Kaufman and Hart comedy, will be presented by the Auburn Players, A.P.I. dramatic group, February 27-March 8, for an eight-night split run.

Another Players presentation, "Tartuffe," is now being prepared for opening night—February 1.

## Langdon Renovated

LANGDON HALL, oldest A.P.I. building, is receiving a face-lifting by the department of buildings and grounds. B. and G. carpenters are equipping the historic structure with modern auditorium seats, a new asphalt tile floor, acoustical tile on the ceiling to improve sound effects, and a ventilating system.

In addition, plans call for redecoration of the entire interior of Langdon—complete with new stage curtains and window drapes.

Langdon Hall was first used as an auditorium by the Female College of Auburn. Then located on Magnolia Street across from the Au-

burn Methodist Church, Langdon was moved in 1883 to its present location and rebuilt according to plans drawn by W. D. Wood, '81.

## Testing Machine

A UNIVERSAL testing machine, valued at \$14,000 and used for compression, tension, and flexure tests on construction materials, has been presented to the A.P.I. civil engineering department by the Lone Star Cement Corporation, Birmingham.

"Auburn has been in search for such a machine for nearly ten years," Professor T. M. Lowe, head of the civil engineering department, said, adding that it will be a great contribution to the efficiency of the department.

## Stuffing Stuff

THERE'S an Auburn student who's working his way through college over a lot of dead bodies. He's John Lowery, son of J. C. Lowery, '23, A.P.I. Extension Service agronomist, and the bodies are those of animals killed by hunters.

John's the man who records the thrill of the chase long after the noise of the rifle has died away. He became interested in taxidermy when he was 12 and has always been intrigued by wildlife.

John, a 21-year-old senior in zoology, explains:

"It probably all started when I was a little kid and my dad and I used to raise chickens in the back yard. Later I raised ducks, and all birds and animals and their habits became fascinating."

"When I was 12 I wanted to know more about types of wildlife but couldn't afford to buy models to study. One day while thumbing through a magazine, I came across an ad about a course in taxidermy, so I decided to subscribe and learn to mount my own models."

Today, knowledge of his skill in taxidermy has spread so far that John's biggest problem is finding the time to keep up his college work and still continue his taxidermy.

# The School of Science and Literature

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sociology will increase at Auburn," Head Professor C. P. Anson stated.

In addition to rural sociology the sociology division has increased course offerings in urban sociology and marriage and family relationships. There is an increasing demand for such courses from the standpoint of broadening liberal arts training in the fields of home economics, education, agriculture, and architecture.

#### Secretarial Training

The department's division of secretarial training is housed in Broun Hall. Not only does the secretarial training faculty direct work of students majoring in the two and four year curricula offered, but it also services other schools and departments which require that their enrollees take typing and office machine courses.

Recently, a second office machine course was established in secretarial training—incorporating the methods and training necessary to operate IBM and other equipment.

#### Faculty

The faculty of the department numbers 34 regular staff members and seven teaching fellows. Six new staff members were added last fall. Nine of the faculty hold the Ph.D. degree, and several others are in various stages of work toward the doctorate. Three staff members hold the LL.B. degree.

The staff is highly diversified in academic training and background, with advanced degrees held from more than 35 different institutions of higher learning.

The faculty of the department holds membership in a number of professional societies, including the American Economics Association, the American Marketing Association, the American Statistical Association, the American Sociological Society, the American Accounting Association, and similar organizations.

Student clubs and fraternities include Delta Sigma Pi, composed of BA majors with high scholarship records, and the Commerce Club.

#### Plans

"Our growth trend," said Dr. Anson, "will continue, from all indications. We have definite plans to expand in such areas as transportation, public utilities, and public finance."

The department is also working on plans for sponsoring several business institutes on the campus during the coming college year.

#### Service Load

Forty-five per cent of the department's teaching activities is directed to service functions. That is, the departmental staff teaches course work in accounting, marketing, and other areas which are required in the curricula in engineering, architecture, and other schools on the campus.

Fifty-five per cent of the teaching load applies to students majoring in

the department, an analysis of the courses offered during 1948-49 indicates.

#### Dr. Anson

Head Professor C. P. Anson holds membership in a number of professional organizations: American Economics Association, Industrial Relations Research Association, Delta Sigma Pi, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Dr. Anson came to Auburn in the summer of 1946 from the University of North Carolina, where he had been lecturing in business administration.

During World War II Dr. Anson served as OPA district price executive in Roanoke, Virginia. Prior to his work with the OPA, he taught at Roanoke College, Western Maryland College, and the University of West Virginia.

#### Department of English

THAT anathema of freshman, the impromptu theme system, has been abolished. In fact, much of the English curriculum at A.P.I. has been revamped under the direction of the department's head professor, Dr. W. R. Patrick.

The discarded impromptu theme system, which could fool and flunk an average freshman, has given way to a fairer method of determining a student's abilities. Themes still exist, but contrary to the old system, one theme can cause a student's failure.

#### Curriculum Changes

The courses, "Great English Writers," "Great American Writers," and "Survey of English Literature" have been dropped in line with recent modernization of the English curriculum. Added in their places are two survey courses entitled "Literature in English" which cover the major literature of England since the middle ages and the literature of America in the 19th century.

"By doing this, we have eliminated overlapping and duplication of courses," stated Dr. Patrick.

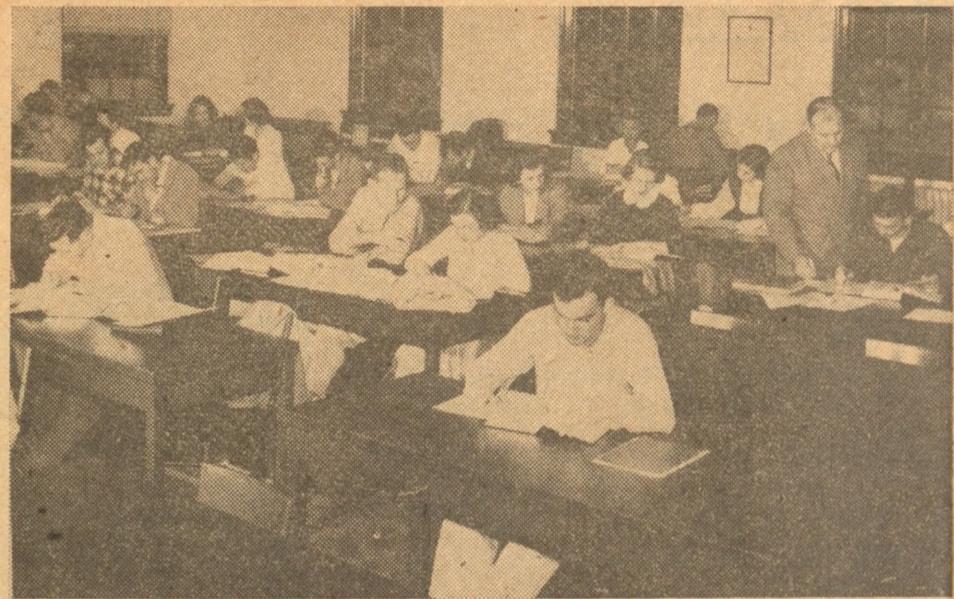
Other curriculum changes include the addition of a course in folklore and the ballad and one in the development of American thought.

For its average number of 15 to 20 graduate students, the department has added such courses as "Studies in the Literature of the 20th Century," "Literature of the 17th Century," and "History of Literary Criticism."

#### Faculty and Students

Teaching the department's English majors and "service" students are 35 faculty members and 11 teaching fellows. The 35 regular faculty members hail from as many different states and represent a total of more than 650 years of teaching experience. Fifteen hold their Ph.D. degrees, and the rest hold master's degrees.

Recent appointments to the faculty include Dr. Bernard Breyer, Herbert



STUDENTS in this business accounting laboratory delve into fundamental

facts and figures. Professor Irvin Gritz gives help to pupil at right

Metz, W. U. McDonald, Jr., and Shirley Brigance, specialist in speech.

Each of the 46 English department staff members has a full-time job on his hands, for every academic department on the A.P.I. campus requires that its students have at least two quarters of English.

Furthermore, the department offers instruction in three subject matter fields: English-grammar-literature, speech, and journalism. Beyond the basic required courses in these fields, electives are taught to students from every part of the campus. Seventy-five per cent of the departmental teaching load comes from students majoring in other departments. Even beyond freshman English, the department services every Auburn school!

#### Grants-in-Aid

To date, six A.P.I. grants-in-aid have been made to English faculty members for research study. Recipients of the grants, which are appropriated to faculty members to aid worthy research already in progress and requiring only modest sums for completion, have been: Dr. Patrick, Dr. Eugene Current-Garcia, Joseph H. Mahaffey, Dr. David H. Malone, Dr. Norman A. Brittin, and Dr. Frederick Sorensen.

A majority of the faculty members, among them Dr. Paul Haines, author of the text "Problems in Prose," have had articles published in national and regional professional magazines. For example, five different faculty members have articles in current issues of national publications, a natural product of the keen interest of teachers in their subject.

This research activity is carried on without subtracting from the main business of the department—teaching.

"The emphasis is on teaching, rather than on research," stated Dr. Patrick.

#### Student Activities

One of the more noteworthy activities of English students has been the publication of the Auburn Review, A.P.I. literary magazine encouraged by the English faculty.

The Review is published by the Auburn Review Club, which gathers its membership from students majoring in English or English-Journalism.

#### Department Head

Head Professor W. R. Patrick, who has contributed so much to the recent liveliness of the English curriculum, is a former professor of English at Louisiana State University and a former Army major.

Dr. Patrick holds his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State and his M.A. and Ph.D. from LSU. After receiving his doctorate he taught for several years at LSU, then entered the Army during the first part of World War II.

He served in the European Theatre of operations—and in all five of the European campaigns, starting with D-Day. Mustered out a major, Dr. Patrick returned to LSU's English department, once more as a professor.

He came to Auburn in 1946 and has since then worked prodigiously to make the A.P.I. English curriculum more effective.

Dr. Patrick holds membership in the Modern Languages Association of America, the Southern Modern Lan-

guages Association, and the American Association of University Professors. President of the Alabama Association of College English Teachers, an organization existing to promote a higher level of English instruction in the State, Dr. Patrick is also a member of the A.P.I. grant-in-aid committee and Phi Kappa Phi honorary fraternity.

#### Department of Foreign Languages

INCREASING specialization of college students in particular realms of educational endeavor has contributed to a decreasing number of foreign language enrollees.

In fact, Head Professor T. P. Atkinson of the A.P.I. department of foreign languages has seen "FL" enrollment drop from a high of 375 to a total of 180 today.

Foreign languages have always been included in A.P.I. curricula. Dr. John T. Dunklin was appointed "professor of ancient and modern languages" upon the establishment of Auburn as a land-grant college, and he served in that position during the first 12 years of the Institution's history.

#### Other Department Heads

Several other educators headed the course of study during the interim between the death of Dr. Dunklin and the appointment of Dr. Charles H. Ross, who handled the curriculum from 1892 to 1900. From 1900 to 1918 John E. Wiatt directed the modern languages department, and in the latter year Professor T. P. Atkinson was appointed department head.

The present department of foreign languages offers five languages as "service courses" to students of various other departments on the campus. The foreign languages, taught by five faculty members, are Spanish, German, Portuguese, French, and Italian.

The department's faculty is well-suited to handle the foreign language courses of study, for the five staff members hold degrees from ten colleges and universities. One multilingual member of the department, Professor Robert Skelton, is studying for his doctorate in foreign languages.

Facilities of the foreign languages department are located in New Building (headquarters), Broun, and several temporary buildings (classrooms).

#### Professor Atkinson

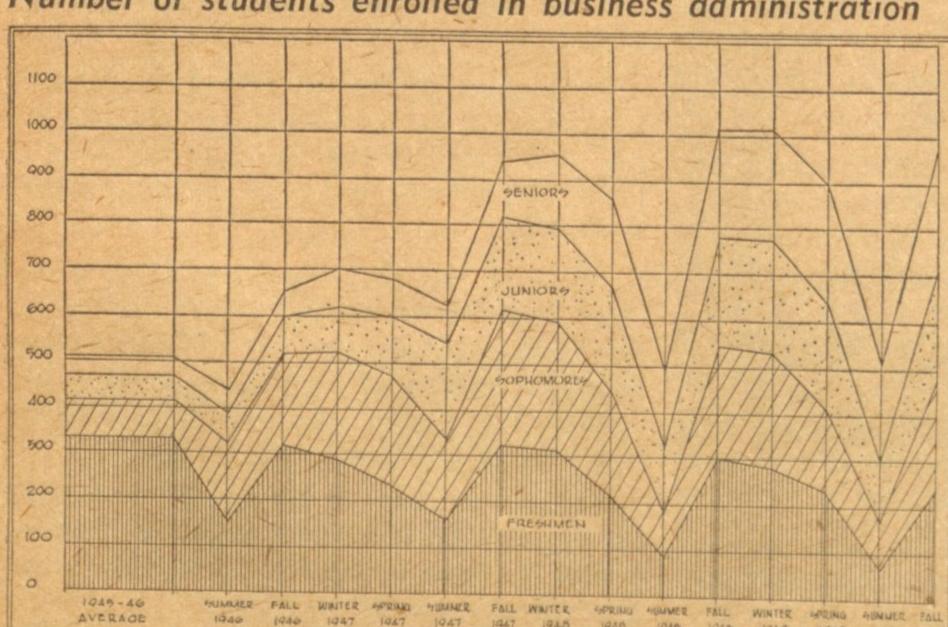
Head Professor Thomas P. Atkinson had gained considerable experience in the teaching of foreign languages before he came to Auburn in 1918. After obtaining his bachelor's degree at Lebanon University, Ohio, he taught high school subjects for two years in Georgia, where he received his master's degree from the University of Georgia.

Later, he headed the foreign languages department at Westminster College, Missouri, for several years. Before coming to Auburn, he did further graduate study at Columbia University.

His experience includes some time with the YMCA in Italy and France, during which period he was made an honorary captain in the Italian Army.

Professor Atkinson's memberships

#### Number of students enrolled in business administration



consist of the American Association of Teachers of French, Phi Kappa Phi, and the Auburn Methodist Church.

## Department of History and Government

WHAT is today the department of history and government has since 1872 been called everything from "Latin language and history department" to "department of modern languages and history."

A name which always comes to mind when the department of history is mentioned in an Auburn crowd is Dr. George Petrie. Dr. Petrie began teaching history, plus other subjects, at A.P.I. back in 1887. In 1891 he became head professor of modern languages and history.

In 1922, when the history course of study was assigned separate departmental standing, he continued as head professor and thus served until his retirement in 1942.

Another familiar name to alumni is Dr. A. W. Reynolds, who has served his alma mater in the history department since 1913 and who is today acting head professor, a position to which he was appointed in 1943.

Thirteen faculty members and two graduate fellows constitute the history staff, and have been teaching an average of more than 5,000 students—including 1,700 freshmen—during the past calendar year, 1948-49.

Different phases of the history curricula are handled by men who hold specialized training in the areas they teach. For instance, Latin American History is taught by Dr. Robert Partin, who has done a considerable amount of research and study in that field.

Professor Jack Kendrick handles History of the South courses, for that is his field of specialization. The same may be said of Professor O. T. Ivey and Far Eastern History, of Professor Richard Bjurberg and Colonial History, and of Dr. M. C. McMillan and History of Agriculture, to mention only a few.

Eighteen students are at present enrolled in the department's graduate program, which includes many fields of particularization.

There are many phases of history at A.P.I. in which undergraduates may study, and in addition, courses in American national and state government. These various phases usually train students for such postgraduate work as teaching, journalism, diplomatic and consular service, and historical research.

History classrooms are contained within Samford (which headquarters the department), temporary buildings, Textile Building, and Broun Hall.

The student now has access in the department to the George Petrie Library of more than 10,000 volumes, which is, however, in process of transfer to the Main Library Building.

### Fellowships

In order to stimulate research the Graduate School offers annually two fellowships in history.

"Too," states Dr. Reynolds, "there has been an increasing number of A.P.I. holders of master's degrees who are pursuing Ph.D. work in American universities.

"The high quality of original research done by these scholars at Auburn has not only resulted in the award of several lucrative fellowships by other universities, but has also enriched the history of Alabama."

"Graduate students," he added, "attend the annual meetings of the Southern and the Alabama Historical Associations."

### Dr. Reynolds

A native of Barbour County, Alabama, Dr. A. W. Reynolds holds both the B.S. and M.S. degrees from A.P.I. Upon receipt of his M.S. in 1913, he joined the department of history and is now in his 37th year of service to his alma mater.

Holder of the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Dr. Reynolds has been acting head of the department since 1943.

He holds membership in the American, Southern, and Alabama Historical Associations, the Southern Political Science Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, Phi Kappa Phi, and the Auburn Methodist Church.

Dr. Reynolds has had a number of articles published and has twice travelled to Europe.

## Department of Mathematics

MATHEMATICS, another basic course of study at A.P.I., had its origin prior to the establishment of Auburn as a land-grant college in 1872. Since 1872, only four men have served as head of the department—Dr. O. D. Smith (1873-1905); Professor B. H. Crenshaw (1905-1935); Dr. Ralph D. Donor (1936-1949); and Dr. W. V. Parker, who was appointed department head on January 1.

Oldest department member in point of service is Professor J. E. "Boozer" Pitts, '12, who has been with the department since 1912 and who is a former All-Southern center and A.P.I. head football coach.

Today, the mathematics department contains 28 faculty members who teach approximately 2,200 "service" students from every school on the campus each quarter. Dr. Parker estimates that 60 to 75 per cent of students offered service courses by the department are outside the School of Science and Literature.

The 28 faculty members hold degrees from more than 26 colleges and universities, and several department members have their doctorates.

### Math Curriculum

The courses offered by the mathematics department are designed to give students a working knowledge of problems which they eventually will be faced with in engineering and scientific professions. To this end, practical problems are given preference over those which are purely theoretical.

At the same time, however, the principles of pure mathematics are in no wise neglected. Every effort is made to give students that training in mental discipline for which the study of mathematics is so well adapted.

The department has attempted to broaden course offerings in mathematics during recent years. For instance, there are now courses intended for School of Agriculture students and for School of Engineering students alone.

### Graduate Program

The number of graduate courses for those students who wish to pursue further studies in mathematics after receiving their first sheepskin has been increased.

Graduate students may specialize in areas such as modern algebra, higher geometry, and differential equations. Too, an accelerated program is offered for graduate students in physics.

### Head Professor

The new head professor of mathematics, Dr. William V. Parker, is a native of Monroe, North Carolina, and holds the A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of North Carolina. He obtained his Ph.D. from Brown University.

Dr. Parker, who comes to Auburn



DR. A. W. Reynolds uses a map to illustrate his point to students in a graduate history seminar. He uses one of the department's many maps

cave diffraction grating ruled at Johns Hopkins, we were confronted with the difficult problem of its mounting—in other words, the problem of building a grating spectrograph.

"These mountings may be purchased for about \$15,000. Over a period of some 15 months we were able with the services of student mechanicians to construct in our shop the instrument at a cost of about \$2,000.

"Reports from Dr. Gordon Hughes, under whose supervision this instrument was constructed, indicate that in appearance and performance the grating spectrograph compares favorably with those supplied by commercial manufacturers."

### Another Spectrograph

On a similar plan a Nier type mass spectrograph is now under construction. This project is being directed by Dr. Howard E. Carr, '36, who describes his work thusly:

"We are building an instrument to study the abundance of different stable isotopes (in contradistinction to radioactive isotopes). This valuable tool would be completely out of our reach were we to contemplate its purchase on the open market."

### Curriculum

The background training and interest of the physics staff are sufficiently diverse that many of the physics courses offered in the department are handled by specialists in certain fields. Dr. Fred Allison handles courses in nuclear physics and physical optics, and Dr. Howard E. Carr, courses in modern physics, advanced electricity and magnetism, and isotope study.

Professor A. G. Crafts directs the agriculture and home economics students in physics, and William Hurst, the pharmacy, pre-dentistry, and architecture students.

Dr. Gordon Hughes teaches the courses in optics and spectroscopy, while Dr. Knox Millsaps directs courses in theoretical physics. Dr. Frank Sparks, '26, contributes importantly to the work in sophomore physics, having charge of the sophomore laboratory and classroom demonstration apparatus. Jack Lande, '44, is the latest addition to the physics staff.

The department plans to have soon new staff members in X-Ray crystallography, electronics, and nuclear physics, as well as to fill the appointment to the research chair in physics at A.P.I.

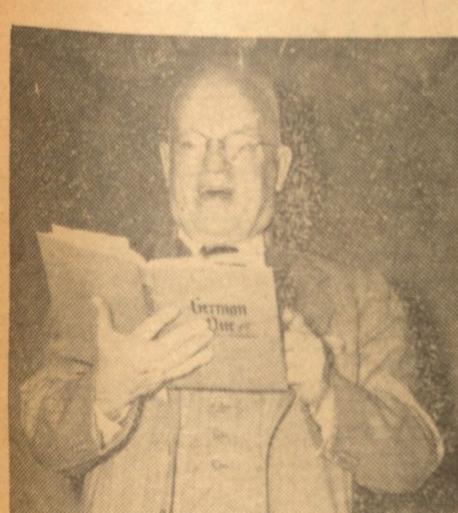
At present there are two A.P.I. research fellowships in physics and the Herbert Charles Ryding Fellowship established by Mrs. Eva Comer Ryding in honor of her late husband.

### Students and Staff

The regular staff members and eight student assistants of the department teach approximately 700 undergraduates and of these about 50 are majoring in physics, either in the School of Science and Literature physics curriculum or in the School of Engineering "engineering physics" curriculum (*Alumnews* for December, 1949).

Library facilities in physics are especially well developed and complete. Practically every foreign and domestic journal of importance devoted to the various fields of study in physics may be found on the shelves. The same may be said of standard textbooks and treatises.

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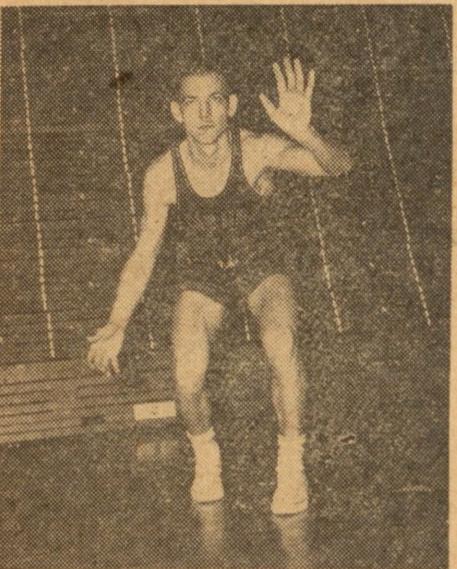


"WIE geht es Ihnen?" asks Herr John Roe as he opens a book to the day's lesson. The "FL" department staff of five members teaches six languages

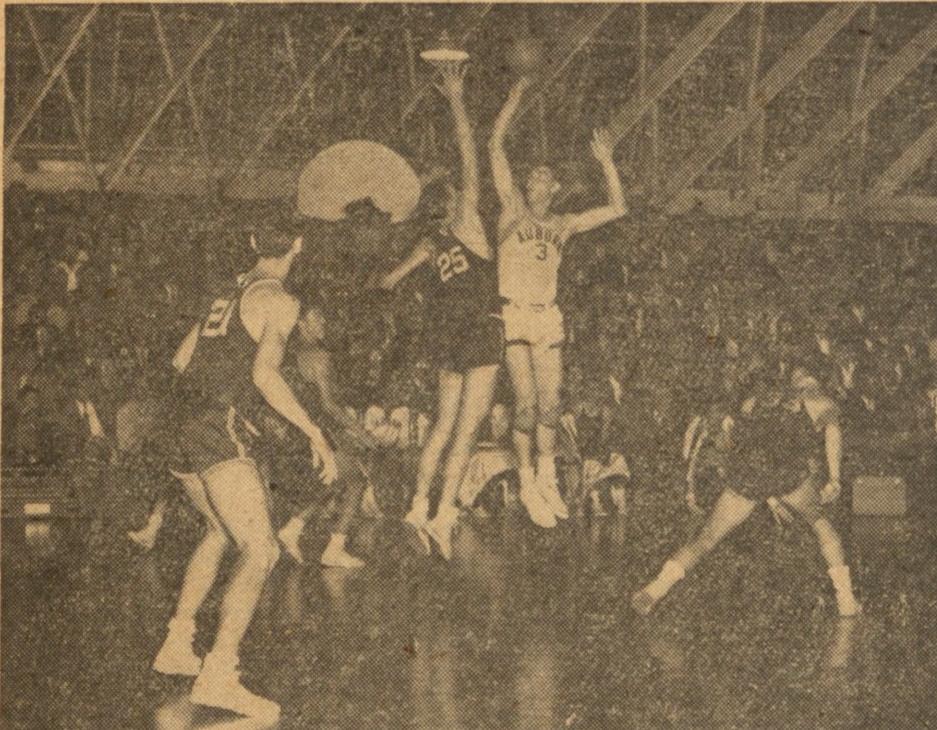
# Sports in Brief



THE basketball scores of '49-'50 reflect the understanding, patience of successful Coach Joel Eaves, '37



ROY BRAWNER is third scorer on the Auburn quintet. He has racked up 77 points in ten games. Brawner is a junior and has two letters. He ranks third in scoring on the Auburn team



AUBURN beat 'Bama at basketball by a score of 45-40. The ball rests on Plainsman Center Bill Lynn's (3)

## 1950 Football Schedule

When	Who	Where
Sep. 22*	Wofford	Montgomery
Sep. 30	Vanderbilt	Nashville
Oct. 7	SE La. College	Auburn
Oct. 14	Florida	Gainesville
Oct. 21	Georgia Tech	Atlanta
Oct. 28	Tulane	Auburn
Nov. 4	Miss. State.	Starkville
Nov. 18	Georgia	Columbus
Nov. 25**	Clemson	Auburn
Dec. 2	Alabama	Birmingham
*Night Game		
**Homecoming Game		

## Spring Training

SPRING training for the Plainsmen began on January 16, as varsity quarterbacks and centers, plus some 36 freshmen and six junior college transfers, started preliminary workouts.

Coach Earl Brown and his assistants are spending two weeks working the candidates on fundamentals.

With Travis Tidwell now a coach, Auburn's varsity quarterbacks are reduced to two: Bill Tucker, of Birmingham, and Allan Parks, of Jackson, Mississippi.

Four field generals from last season's frosh squad will augment this pair in 1950. They are Dudley Spence, McComb, Mississippi; Don Phillips, Buffalo, New York; and two Georgia boys: Frank Hicks, West Point; and Jack Langford, Griffin.

With Frank Hayes and Coker Barton now departed from the pivot spot, the '50 Plainsmen will depend on Bill Hogarth, Miami, Florida; John Crolla, Chicago, Illinois; and Homer Williams, Greensboro. Among the freshmen candidates who will furnish depth in strength is powerful Guy Bruce, Besse-

mer, and Fritz Kessler, Chester, Pennsylvania.

## Nine Won, One Lost

THE PLAINSMEN cagers have proved too cagey for nine of the ten opponents they have faced thus far. Only Georgia Tech has been shrewd and fast enough to defeat Auburn on the hardwood.

Before January 1, the fast-breaking Plainsmen defeated Birmingham-Southern, Howard (twice), Ole Miss, Troy, and the University of Alabama.

## Tripping Tide

After five attempts, Auburn won from 'Bama in basketball on the 20th day of that memorable month, December, 1949. The Plainsmen defeated the Tide by a score of 45-40, to wind up their 1949 efforts.

Auburn led throughout the game and built up a ten-point lead before 'Bama's boys got busy in the closing minutes and closed the gap to 41-38.

## Birmingham-Southern

In its second meeting with Birmingham-Southern, on January 4, Auburn lassoed the panthers by a score of 79-49.

Earnest Samford of Southern won individual scoring honors with 18 points to his credit, while Captain Bill Lynn led Plainsmen scorers with six field goals and five charity shots. Don Lanford played an outstanding floor game in leading the Plains defense and setting up shots for his teammates.

Making 16 out of 25 foul shots, the Plainsmen played their last non-conference team. Remaining games are against SEC foes.

## Mississippi State

It was a nip-and-tuck battle with Mississippi State in Starkville on January 7 which the Plainsmen finally took by a score of 66-64.

Two minutes, 15 seconds, remaining in the game, Auburn held a commanding 56-47 lead. Suddenly the Panthers let loose with an unusual show, and a series of points showered upon them, so that they led by 58-56 in the overtime.

Bill Lynn connected to tie the score, and State forged ahead to a six-point lead (64-58). One minute, 30 seconds left, Dan Pridgen, Bill Lynn, and Roy Brawner released some pent-up energy and carried the score to 65-64, in favor of Auburn. A foul in the final seconds enabled Pridgen to add another point for Auburn.

## Georgia Tech

On January 10 in Atlanta Auburn lost for the first time in nine starts

fingers while Alabama's Sullivan (25) attempts to reach it. This was the first Auburn cage win over the Tide



AUBURN'S John McKenzie pins Jim Jennings, of Vanderbilt, in two minutes, eight seconds. Auburn won

this 145-pound tussle plus almost all other events against Vandy to run up a rousing final score, 31-3

to the accurate Georgia Tech Yellowjackets. During the first ten minutes of the game, Plainsmen and 'Jackets carried on a thrilling back-and-forth struggle.

Then Tech went ahead and by half-time had built up a 35-24 lead, and by the time the final whistle blew, it was Tech, 65, Auburn, 49.

Captain Bill Lynn won individual high-point honors with 17 markers. Guard Mel Dobb chalked up 13 points, Joe Keener, 12, and Colin Anderson and Bill Cline, 11 each. Dan Pridgen turned in his usual smooth floor game.

## Florida

Undaunted by their defeat four days before, the Auburn quintet floored Florida by a ringing final count of 72-46 in the A.P.I. Sports Arena on January 14.

Lynn, Pridgen, and Lanford sparked an initial attack which gave the Plainsmen an 8-1 lead after only three minutes of play. Roy Brawner and George Hill added their force to make the score 31-20 after the first ten minutes, and 43-26 at halftime.

Lynn and Hill were high scorers for Auburn, each running up 11 markers. Don Lanford scored ten markers. The fancy footwork and accurate lay-ups of Dwight Hitt and Gene Hoehle paced the Plainsmen's second-half play.

The Plainsmen cagers will meet Vanderbilt's quintet on January 21 in Auburn, while this issue of the Alumnews is coming off the press.

The remaining basketball games are:

January 28	Alabama	Tuscaloosa
January 30	Ole Miss	Oxford
February 1	Miss. State	Auburn
February 6	Vanderbilt	Nashville
February 9	Georgia	Auburn
February 11	Tulane	New Orleans
February 13	LSU	Baton Rouge
February 18	Alabama	Auburn
February 20	Florida	Gainesville
February 22	Georgia Tech	Auburn
February 25	Georgia	Athens

## Auburn Matmen

COACH Arnold "Swede" Umbach's Auburn grapplers rang up a rousing victory against Vanderbilt on January 13 before the powerful Appalachian State Teachers College team defeated the Plainsmen three days later.

Vanderbilt went down pinned under Auburn's energetic wrestlers to the tune of 31-3. In the Appalachian State Teachers meet only stocky Plainsman Dan Mantrone won an event for A.P.I., leaving the score at 28-5, in favor of the opponent.

The remaining meets on the wrestling schedule are:

January 27	Georgia Tech	Atlanta
February 4	Washington-Lee	Auburn
February 10	Maryville	Auburn
February 13	Vanderbilt	Nashville
February 18	Chattanooga	Auburn
February 25	Georgia Tech	Auburn
March 3, 4	SEAU	Auburn



## Synonymous

## Auburn - Tidwell

AT Montgomery's Blue-Grey game on December 31, one sports announcer is reported to have said:

"There it is, a 74-yard punt return by Travis Tidwell which puts Auburn ahead . . ."

Travis Tidwell, '49, who was one of the first players selected for the annual North-South football classic, sparked the Grey team to a 27-13 victory. He was acclaimed the outstanding player of the day by sportswriters, radio announcers, fans, coaches, and the players themselves.

Like Tidwell, Frank Hayes of Auburn closed his college football playing—with a fine defensive showing—in the Blue-Grey game. He rang up a total of seven tackles, placing second to Jimmy Crawford of Ole Miss in defensive play.

## Senior Bowl

AT THE Senior Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 7, Travis Tidwell passed his Rebel All-Star team to a 22-13 victory. Although the field was jampacked with All-American and All-Conference players on both the North and Rebel teams, Tidwell outclassed them all.

This was the first annual playing of the Senior Bowl game.

## No Pro, So . . .

TIDWELL decided against playing pro football and announced on January 9 to a meeting of the Macon, Georgia, Touchdown Club, that he would accept an assistant backfield coaching job at Auburn.

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# Research-Instruction-Extension

## Score at the Half

By P. O. Davis, '16, Director

A.P.I. Agricultural Extension Service

PEOPLE who listen to radio broadcasts of football games are impressed with the score at the half. It is considered indicative of what may happen during the second half. Coaches and players analyze what has happened and plan their action.

The same is now true of the people of the United States. We are midway of a century, and retrospection, therefore, is in order. This will enable us to look forward—to improve the future.

During the 50 years from 1900 to 1950 U. S. population almost doubled. It increased from 76 million to almost 150 million. But farm population declined from 39 million to 27.8 million, or from 51.3 per cent of all population in 1900 to 19.3 per cent of all population in 1949. Farm tenancy declined from 35 per cent to 27 per cent.

### More Supplies

NOTWITHSTANDING these big changes in population, our supplies of farm products of all kinds are now more than adequate. Surplus control is the No. 1 challenge to the agricultural economy of the nation, and is due to be for years to come.

Official records show that the industrial production index for 1910 (the earliest available) was 62—against 121 in 1948. Farm figures for the same years were 79 and 142. So agriculture gained faster than industry.

Another interesting fact about farm-

ing is that workstock of U. S. farms dropped from 24 million head in 1910 to nine million head in 1948. Tractors increased from about 1,000 in 1910 to more than three million in 1948.

### Continuance?

THUS we see that great changes have occurred on farms. None of us are prophets, but we can say that if these changes continue at the same speed during the second half of the century, we'll have 300 million people with probably ten per cent of them on farms; and this ten per cent will produce an ample supply of foods, fibers, and fats for everybody in this country, plus a substantial amount for export.

But we need to remind ourselves that at the beginning of this century certain major achievements were being born. The internal combustion engine, for example, was invented about 20 years before the 19th century ended. Its use was just beginning.

The first automobile to cross the continent was soon after 1900. And the first airplane flight was in 1903. Tractors and trucks were yet to be born. The same was true of radio, and also the great movie industry, as we know it today.

With great pride, therefore, we view our score at the half of this century. With equal hope we face the future.



ON THIS plantation loblolly and slash pine are planted in alternate row mixtures. Hence the slash pine grows slowly, with much less rust infection

## State Plantation Study

By J. F. Goggans, Assistant Forester

A.P.I. Agricultural Experiment Station

TREE-planting plays a most important part in keeping Alabama's 19 million acres of forest land productive. Although the tree-planting habit, probably started during CCC days, has caused thousands of trees to be planted, there are still approximately one and one fourth million acres of idle and abandoned agricultural land in the State upon which trees should be planted.

Often the best type of tree is not planted in today's tree plantations, and therefore there are areas of partially successful plantations which do not yield the money returns that they could.

In fact, some of these plantations actually cost Alabama landowners thousands of dollars annually!

The A.P.I. forestry department is studying existing tree plantations to determine how various kinds of trees have grown in different parts of the State.

The researchers, who began their work in 1948, are studying Alabama by its soil regions. They locate plantations and establish study regions within them. A complete history and description of each plantation is recorded.

Experiment Station research men have finished their field work for the Piedmont region study. The Piedmont area is situated in east-central Alabama, around Camp Hill.

### Top Soil Important

THE study of Piedmont soils indicates that the differences in the major soil series of the region have little effect on the young growth of pines. But the amount of topsoil present is very important.

Poor growth was observed on old fields which had two or three inches—or less—of top soil. Where there was no top soil, research men observed unusually poor growth. These slow growth plantations yield fewer products per year, and it will be many years before the landowner can use them for his benefit.

Fence posts and fuelwood can be re-

moved at ten to 12 years after planting on the plantations with more than five inches of top soil.

Just a few inches of top soil means the difference between a slow-growth plantation and a vigorous, fast-growing plantation.

### Tree Diseases

STUDY of the diseases which infect trees is a part of the plantation research.

In the Piedmont region, slash and loblolly pine are infected by fusiform rust, a disease which shows itself in the form of large, elongated swellings and cankers on the stems and limbs.

Southern fusiform rust kills many trees and damages countless others. Twenty-five per cent of the slash pine in the Piedmont region was infected with the disease, and 23 percent of the loblolly pine was infected with it.

### Other Discoveries

ON average or better sites in the Piedmont, it was found that loblolly pine grows faster than slash pine during the first years after planting.

If both are planted in alternate row mixtures, the loblolly will shade the slash and cause it to grow slowly.

Many alternate row mixtures were studied, and only nine per cent rust infection was found on the slow-growing slash pine.

This tends to indicate that the amount of rust infection could be lowered by planting the pines in alternate row mixtures, and later removing some of the loblolly pines by thinning.

The Agricultural Experiment Station plans to conduct studies to determine the advantages and disadvantages of this rust-controlling method.

In the near future A.P.I. forestry research workers will make a final analysis of the Piedmont region study.

Field work for such a study has already been started in the Coastal Plain soil region, and eventually entire Alabama will be covered.

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# Alumnus of the Month

CERTAINLY among "the immortal names that were not born to die" is Leonidas Polk Sweatt, '15, president of the Mississippi Power Company and member of that organization's board of directors.

This story begins some 40-odd years ago in a yet small and struggling industrial town call Birmingham. A boy nicknamed "Lonnie" attended Birmingham's Central High School, today known as Phillips High.

During summer vacations Lonnie Sweatt worked in various mechanical jobs with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. He didn't have money to toss away—but he had been granted an unusually large allowance of ability and determination.

Lonnie graduated from high school in 1910, when he was 17 years old. The astute management of L. and N. recognized his possibilities, and he was employed in the building of new shops for the railroad in Boyles, Alabama. So successful did his early genius prove in the constructing of a new power generating station that Lonnie Sweatt was appointed an assistant engineer.

## The News Notice

AFTER high school graduation Lonnie Sweatt stayed with L. and N. for only two years. A little matter of a notice in the Birmingham **News** changed the immediate course of his life and contributed to his entering Auburn.

In August, 1912, Lonnie Sweatt read within Birmingham **News** pages an article to the effect that Auburn's professor J. J. Wilmore would be at the Hillman Hotel, "the next day to interview prospective students."

"I visited with him, learning all about Auburn," explains Lonnie Sweatt today.

And at the same time Professor Wilmore found out about the young man's experience and ambitions. Discovering that Lonnie would work at college to help pay expenses, the professor mentioned the college power plant, which used student operators.

"One position is open now," Dr. Wilmore said. "If you contact Professor W. W. Hill, I feel sure you will be given the job."

Lonnie called Professor Hill and was assigned the job over long-distance telephone. Within two days he had arrived in Auburn and was at work earning a monthly salary of \$25 plus 25 cents for each hour of extra labor

he might spend in doing electrical and mechanical repairs.

By 1913 he had been made chief student engineer of the power, water, and steam heating plants, and he remained in this capacity until his graduation in June, 1915.

One of Mr. Sweatt's associate engineers during his senior year was Ransom D. Spann, '15, then his roommate and today a professor in the A.P.I. electrical engineering department.

"The different plants," Mr. Sweatt says, "were operated by student engineers during summer vacations. Then, we also looked after the customers in town and collected the light and water bills.

"Miss Allie Glenn made out the customers' bills and accounted for the collections."

## Auburn Back Then

THE AUBURN of Lonnie Sweatt's college days was that typical rural town described by Oliver Goldsmith.

"The townspeople were extremely hospitable and friendly," Mr. Sweatt states.

Mr. Sweatt especially remembers the old athletic field, the wooden gymnasium, and the football games during the century's early teens.

Saturday afternoon football games away from Auburn were received over long distance and relayed to the audience in Langdon Hall chapel. A 25 cents admission fee was charged.

On these afternoons the power house telephone would be disconnected and the telephone line to the plant tapped by a temporary line to the chapel. Lonnie Sweatt and Ransom Spann decided one afternoon to have a private football game party.

They connected Professor Hill's private phone to the line, let a group of six friends in, locked the door, and were having a wonderful reception when the chapel audience began to complain about poor reception.

At the game's half someone in chapel said: "I know what the trouble is. Spann and Sweatt have tapped the line, so we'll put a stop to that."

The private party was over.

## Another Flashback

ON the first day he operated the College power plant, a problem confronted Lonnie Sweatt.

"I threw the switch turning on the lights downtown, and there was evidence of trouble on the circuit," he explains.



The switch automatically opened each time he closed it, and the generator groaned and grunted. After a short while, someone came to him and reported that a 2,300 volt line running across the veterinary yard had sagged low. One of the vet mules had come into contact with it and had been electrocuted.

"The mule became the subject of study by vet students for several months," Mr. Sweatt recalls.

## After Auburn

UPON his graduation from Auburn Lonnie Sweatt had a great deal of experience to back him up in his quest for a suitable position. Less than one month after the 1915 commencement exercises he obtained a job with Alabama Power Company, a small but growing utility, first as a helper, then as an electrician in the substation maintenance department.

Jobs were scarce in those days, for the 1915 depression had just gotten into full swing.

Four years later Lonnie Sweatt had become manager of Alabama Power's western division, with headquarters in Birmingham. Until 1925, he served successively as manager of the eastern division, with headquarters in Anniston, and of the southern division, with headquarters in Montgomery, his hometown while a small boy.

Mr. Sweatt was transferred to the commercial activities of Alabama Power because of his background in generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power, and leadership and sales traits which were then becoming apparent.

During the period, 1920-25, he also helped pioneer in the electrification of Alabama's coal mining and cotton mill industries.

## To Mississippi

WHEN Mississippi Power Company was organized in 1924, its founders searched for a man with experience in the transmission type of electric system and with background and talent in organization for the utility's general management.

Lonnie Sweatt was offered and accepted the position in 1925, and moved to Gulfport, Mississippi, with his wife, the former Nina Mae Woodall of Hillsboro, Alabama, and their small daughter, now Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sutter.

Elected vice president and a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi Power Company in 1930, Mr. Sweatt served in that capacity until he became president in 1944.

Today, he holds a directorship in the Southern Company, which owns the controlling stock of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Gulf Power Companies.

During his career as Mississippi Power executive, electric service has been developed from a small, isolated plant arrangement into a widespread system serving 137 towns and communities in 23 counties of southeast Mississippi.

As president of Mississippi Power Mr. Sweatt is responsible for all construction, maintenance, operation, planning, policy, financing, labor, and public relations of the organization.



# President Promoted

FRANK M. Malone, '28, who is serving his second term as president of the Alumni Association, has been appointed general commercial manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. His new offices will be located in Atlanta.

Mr. Malone has been with Southern Bell since 1928. Alabama manager of the company since 1945, he previously served, among other positions, as district manager in Atlanta, Jackson,



LONNIE Sweatt, '15, heads the giant utility, Mississippi Power Company

So well has he executed his duties that his fame has spread throughout the Southland. Only last October the giant Plant Sweatt, now under construction in Meridian, Mississippi, was named in his honor.

Stated the president of the Southern Company at the plant's ground-breaking ceremonies: "The directors of Mississippi Power Company feel that Lonnie Sweatt has earned public recognition for his citizenship and his great work for his company—and therefore the board of directors of Mississippi Power Company by resolution has directed that the plant to be built... shall be known as Plant Sweatt."

## As a Citizen

ALONG with his energetic work in the electric industry, Mr. Sweatt has always been keenly alive to the needs for the economic development of the South and the improvement of standards of living.

A great part of his abilities has been devoted to the end of helping build Mississippi as a good place in which to live, work, and invest.

He has aided many young people to obtain a college education and progress in the business world.

A colonel on Governor Fielding Wright's staff, Mr. Sweatt has been a member of the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Board since its creation in 1944. He is at present chairman of the Board's Planning and Research Committee.

He holds membership on the advisory council of the Southern Research Institute, Birmingham, and is a director in the Southern Company and Southern Services Incorporated, Birmingham, Atlanta, and New York.

Having served a term as president of the Southeastern Electric Exchange, Mr. Sweatt is now president of the Mississippi Safety Council. He is a member of the Mississippi Society of Professional Engineers, the Edison Electrical Institute, and the Mississippi advisory board, 4-H Club Council.

He is a Rotarian, a charter member of the Auburn chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity, a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, a member of the Gulfport First Methodist Church, and is active in many other fraternal, civic, religious, and social organizations.

In what spare time he allots himself, Mr. Sweatt either golfs and fishes, or watches his favorite sports—football and ice hockey—in action.



GERRY Pearson, '20, is presented the Columbus, Ga., Lions '48-'49 award for achievement by the club president, W. C. Tucker. Occasion of the presentation was attended by more than 300 members, wives



## Alumnalities (continued from preceding page)

Mr. McNair also holds membership in the Kiwanis Club and Kappa Alpha.

### 1924

**Dr. Franklin Clark**, A.P.I. professor of veterinary medicine, is one of 75 scientific authorities from 21 states, Puerto Rico, and Panama who are serving as special consultants to the Communicable Disease Center, U.S. Public Health Service. Selection of the authorities was based on their outstanding work.



### 1925

**John E. Payne**, only recently made manager of Westinghouse's Central District, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, has received the Westinghouse Order of Merit, the company's highest honor for exceptional services. Mr. Payne, who has been with Westinghouse for 24 years, was cited for his outstanding service in building relations of the company, and for his work in guiding



industry sales. John Payne is not the only alumnus to achieve great success with Westinghouse. **L. R. Botsai**, '15, is manager of the Westinghouse Nuttall Works-Gearing Division, with offices in Pittsburgh, and, of course, **John K. Hodnette**, '23, is Westinghouse vice president and general manager of industrial products. . . . **R. C. Holstun** is a principal in the Nashville, Tennessee, public school system. . . . **Commander Robert C. Gordon** is with the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in San Francisco, California. Commander Gordon, who resides in Berkeley, is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

### 1926

**George W. Kilgore** is supervisor of instruction in the Walker County High School system. Mr. Kilgore, who lives in Jasper, is a member and first vice president of the Lions Club there. He has long been actively associated with Boy Scout work. . . . **Frank Geise Crow** is general manager of the Florence water department and acting manager of that Alabama city's electric department. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Mr. Crow served as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army during World War II. . . . **Calvin I. "Kirk" Kuykendall** is superintendent of the Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Newton, Mississippi.

### 1927

**Edwin J. Tillman** is in the home building business at Atlanta. Mr. Tillman is a member of the Atlanta Auburn Club and Theta Chi fraternity. . . . **Ben P. Robinson** is a real estate and auto dealer in Sedalia, Missouri. Mr. Robinson, who graduated from Auburn in architectural engineering, is a member of the Kiwanis Club and Sigma Pi. . . . **Miles Ernest Stephens** is an Alabama state soil scientist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, with offices in Auburn. Mr. Stephens holds membership in Alpha Gamma Rho.

### 1928

**Ewell Allbritton Conwell** is assistant manager, tractor division, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, in Atlanta. Mr. Conwell, who went with Allis-Chalmers in 1936, is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. . . . **George J. "Buck" Ellis**, Auburn education graduate, is manager, southern central sales district, General Electric lamp department, with headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Ellis is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. . . . **Emmett B. "Jack" Nuckles** is an NACA engineer at Langley Field, Virginia.

### 1929

**Garland H. Smith** serves the Pepperell Manufacturing Company in Lindale, Georgia, as assistant general manager. Mr. Smith, captain of the Auburn baseball team in 1929, is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Atlanta Auburn Club. Married to the former Lucy Fortson Willingham, he has three young daughters. . . . **Henry N. Coleman, Jr.** is county engineer in Crenshaw County, a position to which he was appointed in 1946. During World War II, Mr. Coleman served as a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Pacific Theatre of operations. . . . **Dr. James Forrest "Bud" Fargason** is director of the Fort Sulphur, Louisiana, Hospital, chief surgeon and medical director of the Freeport Sulphur Company, and surgeon for a number of other large organizations. Dr. Fargason, a member of Sigma Pi, holds his M.D. from the University of Tennessee.



### 1930

**Thorne Sherwood "Tom" Winter, Jr.** is directory compilation supervisor on the staff of the general directory manager, Southern Bell Telephone Company, with offices in Atlanta. Mr. Winter is a member of the Atlanta Auburn Club, Delta Sigma Phi, and a number of engineering societies. He has long been active in Boy Scout work. . . . **Dr. Dan Wilson**

**Mr. Winter McCann** is practicing medicine in Warrior. Dr. McCann holds his M.D. from Vanderbilt University. . . . **William McCoy Burt** is engaged in the general merchandise business and farming at Pittsview. Before his present work, Mr. Burt was active in the educational field of work.

### 1931

**Earl Crawford Smith** is an associate partner with Sears and Shepherd, architects in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Smith is a veteran of World War II, having served as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. . . . **Talton A. Carnes** owns the T. A. Carnes Hardware Company in Winfield. . . . **Mrs. Samuel D. Wade**, the former Pauline Watkins, is with her husband and daughter at Mitchell AF Base, New York. Her husband, a member of the class of '32, is a captain in the Air Force.

### 1932

**MARRIED:** Mary Lucille Stokes, of Opp, to **William Rufus Chisholm, Jr.**, '32, of Florence, at the Highland Avenue Methodist Church in Birmingham on November 24. Mr. Chisholm, who is a member of Kappa Sigma, is in business at Florence.

**Mrs. Homer D. Lee**, the former Ruth Pardue, is school attendance supervisor in Pike County. . . . **Stuart Grant McRae** is a cotton mill superintendent at College Park, Georgia. . . . **Jeff Duke** is teaching vocational agriculture at the Smith High School, Smith Station.

### 1933

**Major L. H. "Scoff" Clark** is attending the command and general staff college of the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. . . . **James Thornton Boyd** is with the U.S. Engineers in Mobile. Mr. Boyd holds membership in the Mobile Auburn Club and Phi Delta Theta. . . . **Edward Joseph Pate** is connected with the Pate Supply Company in Birmingham.

### 1934

**Justin Smith Morrill** is an attorney in Houston, Texas. Mr. Morrill, who is married to the former Ann Haines, of



NANCY Lee Sears, of Baltimore, and Captain Allen H. Nottingham, '42, of Nashville, cut the wedding cake at a

reception following their marriage in Yokohama on November 10. Captain Nottingham is stationed in Japan

Philadelphia, has two children, Justin, Mississippi. Mr. Duke was a member of the Auburn Band during his days at A.P.I.



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### 1935

**Dr. James Charles Hickey** is in the private practice of veterinary medicine at South Boston, Virginia. Dr. Hickey is a member of Alpha Psi fraternity.

. . . Another veterinarian, **Dr. Gerald Harry McChesney**, is with the Rome Dog and Cat Hospital, Rome, Georgia. . . . **C. Cayce Scarborough**, formerly associate professor of agricultural education at Auburn, has been appointed an associate professor of education at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Scarborough is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. He has been replaced at A.P.I. by **H. T. Pruitt**, '40.

### 1936

**BIRTH:** A daughter, Mary Ann, was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weissinger**, of Opelika, on November 29. Mr. Weissinger is a member of the class of '36.

**Mrs. M. T. Harris**, the former Frances Elizabeth Harris, now resides in Opelika. Mrs. Harris is a member of Kappa Delta and the AAUW. . . . **Dr. O. C. "Pete" McCorn** is a physician with the internal medicine department, Norwood Clinic, Birmingham. Dr. McCorn, who holds his M.D. from Tulane University, is a member of Theta Chi fraternity. . . . **Leiland M. Duke** is an electrical engineer in the instrumentation branch, Waterways Experiment Station, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg,

reception following their marriage in Yokohama on November 10. Captain Nottingham is stationed in Japan

### 1937

**BIRTH:** A son, Richard Dale, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thurman A. Irving, of Auburn, on December 25. Mr. Irving is a member of the class of '37.

**James Leroy Mann** is secretary of Newnan Hosiery Mills, Newnan, Georgia. Mr. Mann is a Rotarian and a member of Kappa Alpha. . . . **Gerald L. "Jerry" Leff** is owner of the Leff Engineering Company, Mobile. Mr. Leff holds membership in the Masons and the Chamber of Commerce. . . . **William M. "Bee" Jordan, Jr.**, member of Alpha Tau Omega, is a mortgage broker in Montgomery.

### 1938

**MARRIED:** Frances Bernice Hug, of Columbus, Georgia, to **Athol Rambert Sylvester, Jr.**, '38, of Eufaula, at the St. Luke Methodist Church in Columbus on January 15. Mr. Sylvester is a member of Theta Chi.

**Lopez Joseph Mantoux** is a lieutenant colonel in the USAF. A member of Sigma Nu. Colonel Mantoux is stationed at Westover AF Base, Massachusetts. He held membership in ODK, Spades, and Scabbard and Blade during his Auburn days. . . . **David Ogden Cox** is manager

Mr. Mantoux of the simila division, McKesson and Robbins Dietetic Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Cox, a member of Delta Sigma Phi, is married and has two sons. . . . **William C. Mankin** represents Meade Johnson and Company in Jasper. Mr. Mankin is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

### 1939

**BIRTH:** A son, Vann Earl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Shelton C. Pinion, of Phil Campbell, on December 6. Mr. Pinion is a member of the class of '39.

**Hoyt M. Warren** is county agent for the A.P.I. Extension Service in Henry County, with headquarters at Asheville. A member of the Lions Club, Mr. Warren is married to the former Allie Irene Blakey. They have a young son, Hoyt M., Jr., eight months old. Mr. Warren served in the AF during World

War II. . . . Mrs. P. C. Doerr, Jr., the former **Sara E. Steele**, resides in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Doerr have two daughters, Monica Lynne, four years old, and Miriam Lynne, seven months old. . . . **John Eayres Davis, Jr.**, is with the architect firm, Warren, Knight, and Davis, in Montgomery. Mr. Davis is a member of Sigma Nu and the Montgomery Auburn Club.

## 1940

**MARRIED:** Joanne Mayne, of Little Rock, Arkansas, to **Lieutenant Walter Jordan Cooper**, '40, of Montgomery and Westover AF Base, Massachusetts, on December 17. Lieutenant Cooper is a member of Sigma Nu.

December saw the publication of "Feeding our Dogs" (Van Nostrand, \$3.50) by **Dr. Leon F. Whitney**, veterinary medicine alumnus who with his son, **Dr. George Whitney**, '41, operates the Whitney Veterinary Clinic in Orange, Connecticut (See Alumnews for June, 1949). Last month saw the publication of another book by the same author—"The Complete Book of Home Pet Care" (Doubleday, \$4.95), an encyclopedic reference book of more than 300,000 words. Doubleday must expect great things of the latter, since the first printing contained 25,000 copies! . . . **Shelton McClelland** has been appointed assistant state supervisor of the Alabama Vocational Rehabilitation Service. Mr. McClelland is a member of the Lions and the Masons. . . . **Everett S. Brooks** is co-owner of Brooks Auto Supply Company in Forrest City, Arkansas.



of Atmore, on October 21. Mr. Heard is a member of the class of '43. Both the baby's father and mother are red-headed, so George Curtis is red-headed, too. The baby's father, uncle, grandfather, and attending physician (**Dr. J. O. Lisenby**, '19) are all alumni, so there's no doubt where it will go to college.

**Forney Fuller, Jr.**, is a sales engineer with Combustion Engineering-Superheater Company, with offices in Birmingham. Combustion Engineering-Superheater manufactures steam generating and fuel firing equipment for industrial applications. Mr. Fuller is married to the former Mary Story, of Arabi, and Macon, Georgia. . . . **Henrietta Story Ellard** teaches fifth grade in the Gorgas School, Mobile. She has been with the Mobile Public School system since 1947. . . . **Dr. George D. Whitney**, member of Kappa Sigma, is practicing veterinary medicine in Orange, Connecticut (See 1940 Alumnalities).

## 1944

**MARRIED:** Barbara Breit Kowitz, of Helena, Montana, to **William Albert Alexander**, '44, of Atlanta and Prattville, on October 23. Mr. Alexander is a veteran of four years in the ETO during World War II. A member of Sigma Nu, he is now southern division manager for Tyler Fixture Corporation of Niles, Michigan. His offices are in Atlanta.

**John Elliott Brush** is an engineer for E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company in Waynesboro, Virginia. Mr. Brush, who served with the Corps of Engineers in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. . . . **Betty Wallace Cosby** is assistant counselor for women at the University of Miami, Florida. Miss Cosby, member of Kappa Delta, holds a master's degree from Syracuse University. . . . **Mrs. William H. Blackburn**, the former **Virginia Ware**, resides in Nashville, Tennessee, where she is working as a doctor's receptionist. Mrs. Blackburn will be remembered by her classmates as a member of Chi Omega sorority. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn have one child, Karen Ann.

## 1945

**MARRIED:** Betty Ann Wimbish, of Rocky Mount, Virginia, to **Joseph Wiley Sirmon**, '45, of Dozier, in Rocky Mount on November 26. The couple will reside in Dozier. . . . **Katherine Woodin**, of Poughkeepsie, New York, to **Lieutenant Spillman New Fitzpatrick, Jr.**, '45, of Auburn, at Poughkeepsie on December 26. Lieutenant Fitzpatrick is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, and he also held membership in ODK and the Auburn Knights orchestra while at A.P.I. He is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. . . . **Martha Louise Holley**, of Samson, to **Cecil Everett Norton**, '45, of Heflin, at the Samson First Baptist Church on December 27.

**Florence Eileen Hope** is a medical technologist at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, Florida. . . . **Dr. James C. Burt** is assistant resident obstetrician and gynecologist at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Burt is married to the former **Lucretia H. Perry**, '43. They have two sons. Dr. Burt attended Auburn in '39, '40, '41, and '42, and was awarded his B.S. in 1945. He holds his M.D. from the University of Rochester, and has done noted research in his field of medicine. . . . **Mrs. M. K. Kelly, Jr.**, resides in Birmingham. Mrs. Kelly, the former **Stella Mae Glenn**, and Mr. Kelly have a young son, Marvin K., III, only three and one half months old.

## 1946

**BIRTH:** Twin daughters, **Rebecca Ruth** and **Clara Inez**, were born to **Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roden, Jr.**, of Auburn, on December 7. Mr. Roden, member of the

class of '46, is associated with the Lee County Bulletin. He has been active in Alabama newspaper circles since his graduation.

**MARRIED:** Susie Walker, of Miami, Florida, to **Nimrod Davis Denson, III**, '46, at Miami's Plymouth Congregational Church on November 15. Mr. and Mrs. Denson will reside in Miami.

**Frank Howard Hawthorne** is an attorney associated with Martin, Turner, and McWhorter, Montgomery law firm. Mr. Hawthorne is a member of the Montgomery Auburn Club, the Montgomery Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Pi Kappa Phi. . . . **Betty Sue Youngblood** teaches at the West Jefferson High School in Quinton. . . . **Mrs. William E. Campbell** resides in Gadsden. She and Mr. Campbell have two children, Cathy and William E., Jr., the latter only six weeks old. Mrs. Campbell is the former **Margaret Williamson**.

## 1947

**BIRTHS:** A son was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Barry Shiflett**, of Montgomery, on December 12. Mr. Shiflett is a member of the class of '47. . . . A son, Manley Byrum, III, was born to **Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hazlewood, Jr.**, of Birmingham, on November 6. Mr. Hazlewood is a member of the class of '47.

**MARRIED:** **Carolyn Virginia Knight**, '47, of Montgomery, to **John William Tamblyn**, '47, in December. . . . **Alicia Rose Brooks**, '47, to Robert H. Morrison, of Chicago, on October 22. The Morrisons are residing in Syracuse, New York. . . . **Ann Snead**, '47, of Opelika and Montgomery, to **James A. Bannon**, '50, of Boaz and Montgomery, at the Maxwell AF Base Chapel in Montgomery on December 10.

**Mrs. George C. Foster**, the former **Emily Lifsey**, is in the employ of A.P.I. as a record clerk. Mrs. Foster's husband is a member of the class of '49. . . . **William Edward Campbell** is state poultry inspector for northeast Alabama, with headquarters in Gadsden. Mrs. Campbell is the former **Margaret Williamson** (See '46 Alumnalities). . . . **Charles Quillian Hall** is plant superintendent for Eason Pottery Works, Columbus, Georgia. Mr. Hall, who obtained his degree in textile engineering, is a member of Pi Kappa Phi.

## 1948

**BIRTHS:** A daughter, Christy Louise, was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Tompkins, Jr.**, of Los Angeles, California, on November 29. Mr. Tompkins, a member of the class of '48, is with Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company as a chemical engineer. He and Mrs. Tompkins have two sons, Michael and Roger. . . . A daughter, Linda Claire, was born to **Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dennis, Jr.**, of Thomaston, Georgia, on November 25. Mr. Dennis is a member of the class of '48.

**MARRIED:** Joan Neely, of Middletown, Tennessee, to **William Franklin Britnell**, '48, of Huntsville, during December. . . . **Jean Elizabeth Haden**, '48, of Robertsdale, to The Reverend Joseph Robert Horn, III, at the Auburn Episcopal Church on November 20. The couple will make their home in Selma. . . . Doris Patricia Sewell, of Miami, Florida, to **James E. Thomas**, '48, of Montgomery, on January 21. Mr. Thomas is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. . . . Rosemary Fochek, of Princeton, New Jersey, to **Hugh Tisdale Edwards**, '48, of Montgomery and Princeton, in December. Mr. Edwards is an instructor in the electrical engineering department at Princeton University.

**Kathryn Moore McCraney** is a member of the School of Home Economics faculty at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. . . . **William Leon Bishop** is a student engineer with Republic Steel in Gadsden. Mr. Bishop is



W. R. "BILL" Snellings, Jr., is the 14 months old son of Ross Snellings, '41 and Mrs. Snellings, of Augusta, Ga.

a member of Phi Kappa Tau. His wife is the former **Uneeda Love Wright**, '50. . . . **James Lee "Red" Thomas** is playing professional baseball with the St. Louis Browns. Mr. Thomas is a member of Kappa Sigma.

## 1949

**MARRIED:** Mary Virginia Clark, '49, of Hartford, to **Glover Pugh**, '49, of Coffeeville and Mobile, at the Ulcanush Baptist Church in Coffeeville on December 25. The couple will reside in Mobile, where Mr. Pugh is in educational work. . . . Suzanne Chandler, of Opelika, to **John Robinson Carden**, '49, of Birmingham, on December 21. Mr. Carden is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. . . . **Annie Sue Farrington**, '49, of Dadeville, to **John Paul Scherer**, '49, of Alexander City, at the Dadeville Methodist Church on December 21. . . . Kathryn Ursel Rodgers, of Riderwood, to **John Paul Belyeu, Jr.**, '49, of Schenectady, New York, at the Riderwood Baptist Church on January 5. Mr. Belyeu is an electrical engineer with GE. . . . Corinne Timberlake, of Birmingham, to **Frank Ray**, '49, also of Birmingham, at the McCoy Methodist Church in Birmingham on November 24. Mrs. Ray is the daughter of **Phil Timberlake**, '24. Mr. Ray is a member of Kappa Alpha. The couple are residing in Memphis, Tennessee, where Mr. Ray is an assistant supervisor with the American Finishing Company. . . . Mary Jean Heath, of Enterprise, to **Douglas Eugene Feagin**, '49, also of Enterprise, on December 18. . . . **Anna Jean Phillips**, '49, of Birmingham, to **Thomas Andrew Sims, Jr.**, '49, of Auburn, at the South Highland Methodist Church in Birmingham on December 11. Mr. Sims is a member of Kappa Alpha. He holds a position with the Birmingham Trust National Bank. . . . **Rebecca Hall**, of Eufaula, to **Ernest Coker Conner**, '49, of Eufaula and Slocomb, at the Parkview Baptist Church in Eufaula on November 24. Mr. Conner is with the VA as a coordinator in Slocomb, where the couple will reside.

**William Nelson Morris, Jr.**, is a heating engineer with North Georgia Gas Equipment Company in Rome, Georgia. Mr. Morris is a member of Theta Chi. . . . **William Lawrence Patterson** is in the engineering division, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi. Mr. Patterson will be remembered as a member of Sigma Chi. . . . **William M. Evans, Jr.**, is resident engineer with the J. I. Newton Company in

Tifton, Georgia. Mr. Evans is a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

## 1950

**MARRIED:** **Ann Hall Harrell**, '50, of Montgomery, to **Albert Whiting Copeland**, also of Montgomery, in December. Mrs. Copeland is a member of Chi Omega sorority. . . . **Mary Margaret Mims**, of Birmingham, to **Karl Glenn Downs**, '50, also of Birmingham, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Birmingham on November 26.

*This is all about the Alumnews, for*

# Its Birthday Cake Wears Four Candles

WHEN we first got a glimpse of the cupid drawing you see on the front page, we very innocently asked Artist Lee MacAlister:

"What is it?"

"It's significant," he replied.

"Why?" we asked.

"Well," he said, "this month is the Alumnews' fourth anniversary. It was started on February 6, 1946. Right?"

"Right," we agreed.

And February 14 is Saint Val's Day. There you've got it. One cupid shoots an affectionate arrow at the Alumnews masthead while another cupid delivers a birthday cake. Clever?"

"Involved," we answered, but we let it go, for Mac is a romantic. And, being four years old, the Alumnews does deserve some kind of special honor.

## "Innocents Abroad"

THE Auburn Alumnews, founded in 1946 by the newly created Alumni Association, was first edited by Happy Davis, who in addition to his other duties wrote, copyread, and proofread almost every word.

Happy had been appointed executive secretary of the Association upon its organization in 1945, and the Alumnews was one of the first steps in his program.

He served as editor, managing editor, "and copyboy" of the first six numbers and established the Alumnews policy of informing Auburn alumni about a) their alma mater, and b) one another. It was not until October, 1946, that the position of managing editor came into being.

Irene Long, '47, became the first managing editor. Irene, former editor,

of the Auburn Plainsman, occupied that post until May, 1947, when Jan Holstun was appointed to it. Mrs. Holstun served as ME until January, 1948.

Throughout the four-year history of the Alumnews there have been only three managing editors. The third, Luther Smith, was appointed in January, 1948, while still a junior in college. Upon his graduation in March, 1949, he was commissioned as fulltime Alumnews managing editor and assistant editor of other alumni publications.

## Other Staffers

HARRY M. "Happy" Davis, '32, has been editor of the Alumnews throughout its four-year history. In his monthly column, first called "Happy Chatter," and later renamed "Is Everybody Happy?", he has editorialized on everything from comic "overabundance of dogs" to serious New Year's resolutions.

Sports have always held a properly emphasized place within the Alumnews. Just as there have been three managing editors, there have been three sports editors: Jimmy Coleman, '49, first Alumnews sports editor and today A.P.I. sports publicity director and co-editor of Alumnews sports; Robert B. "Bob" Ingram, '49; and Houston Brooks, '52.

In the past four years there have been three wielders of the magic brush on the Alumnews staff. Master artists, they're Mrs. Holly Mitchell, the former Dorothy Jean Nichols, '45; Mrs. Erwin Mangrum, the former Pat Patrick, '47; and Lee MacAlister, who plans to graduate in June.

Boyd Hinton, '50, now a student worker with the A.P.I. Research Interpretation Council, served the Alumnews as assistant editor in 1948-49.

Official photographers have numbered five: Lewis Arnold, '45; Max Zeigler; Hugh Alford, '47; Leonard Whitten, '49; and Raymond Kearney, '49. They have been aided by many other efficient assistant cameramen.

## Technical End

DURING most of its existence the Alumnews has been printed by the Bulletin Publishing Company, Auburn. Joe Teaver, Bulletin printer, has "made up" a majority of the 47 numbers of the Alumnews and many times has ungrudgingly served as adviser on type and format.

Neil O. Davis, '35, well-known Alabama newspaperman and owner of the Bulletin Publishing Company, is another of the many professional and amateur journalists who deserve recognition for their advice to Alumnews editors.

Engravings for the Alumnews have

been made consistently by Alabama Engraving Company throughout the first four years. Budget increases have enabled the editors to use more "cuts," thus improving the appearance of the publication. Miss Barrett Watters and Roy Hickman of Alabama Engraving should, among others, receive special mention for their painstaking work in helping edit Alumnews photographs.

## The Office

AT FIRST the Alumnews was edited by both the News Bureau and the Alumni Office, the two working jointly in the enterprise. When ME Smith received his appointment — January, 1948 — Alumnews editorial machinery was moved to the Alumni Office, where it would be more "in the center of things."

Today, A.P.I. Publicity Director and Alumnews Contributing Editor Louis O. Bracken, '27, advises the staff in matters of general policy and supplies special and feature articles. Publicity Office writers, including Fran Harper and Kafe Harris, furnish the Alumnews with material which is often otherwise unobtainable.

Other contributing editors are P. O. Davis, '16; director of the A.P.I. Extension Service; Dr. Fred Allison, dean of the Graduate School; and Dr. M. J. Funchess, director of the A.P.I. Agricultural Experiment Station system.

Alumnalities could never be were it not for the patience of Pattie Haney, alumni records supervisor, and Martha Bennett and Ruth Kitchin, clerical employees, all of whom help in the filing of news items on alumni from Paris to Tokyo. These three alumni workers also do correspondence typing and other important jobs without which a publication just couldn't go to press.

## Offensive Defense

THE EMORY Alumnus published a note in its 25th anniversary number entitled "Offensive Defense."

"The best defense," said the Emory magazine, "is a vigorous offense, so: The doctor's mistakes go to the grave, the lawyer's mistakes go to jail, the businessman's mistakes go over to his competitor, and the preacher's mistakes go to the nether regions. And seldom is anyone the wiser."

"But the editor's mistakes appear in black and white, for all to see."

## A, B, C, of It

A PUBLICATION such as the Alumnews takes a huge amount of work. Involved are printers, engravers, artists, photographers, advisers, writers,

editors, copyreaders, proofreaders, linotype operators, and editors.

The first step in getting together this February issue took place in the middle of December, 1949, before the January issue had gone to press. Letters were then written notifying various authors about deadlines and requesting material. Forms were typed regarding production dates. Layouts were pondered over and tentative page dummies made.

At the same time, news releases were going out on the December and January issues, complimentary copies were being mailed, and personal letters were being sent to hundreds of people featured in the January Alumnews.

Once gathered, the material was copyread and set in type. Galley proofs were then run, and the staff proofread these for grammatical errors, for factual errors, and for linotype errors.

After being read, the galley proofs were returned to Luther Cook, James Windham, and Pete Richardson, linotype operators, and corrections were made. Meanwhile, photographs were edited, cropped, and sent to the engraver.

The publication date, January 23, neared as the engravings were returned, marked for identification, and carried to the printer. Make-up time, like a red elephant two feet away.

Quick, last-minute changes had to be made in the layouts, either to get a better functional scheme, or to insert some "hot stuff" which even the wisest of men could not have anticipated.

As the pages were made up a proof was taken on each and returned to the editors. Each page proof was carefully read, for mistakes made on it usually go into the final version.

The page proofs were returned to the printer, and he made corrections, afterward running off a set of revised page proofs. About two hours were allowed for the scanning of revised page proofs, and the Alumnews went to press.

Eighteen thousand copies, or approximately one ton, were run off at the rate of 3,300 per hour, on a modern press in the Bulletin composing room. These were brought to the Alumni Office, where the Gargantuan task of addressing each was begun by Donald Spann, alumni addressograph operator and Alumnews circulation director.

Then Alumni Office workers started tying the papers according to towns for mailing, a process to which is applied in office jargon the title "bundling."

Once bundled, this February issue was ready for mailing. We're leaving the rest up to Uncle Sam.



MAGAZINE make-up man Joe Teaver advises on Alumnews type, layout. He has "made up" most of 47 issues



ALUMNEWS Editor Harry Davis, '32 and Managing Editor Luther Smith talk over a page proof just prior

to press time. Artist depicts them working furiously to beat deadline on the day of magazine publication



PHOTOGRAPHER questions what the drawing shows. Alumnews Artist Lee MacAlister can-naps while son Bobby

tries to attract his attention for cameraman. Mac later woke up, drew cartoon to disprove other conception